

Community News

NZ Transport Agency On 1 November the child restraint laws will be changing. The law says you must correctly restrain your children in an approved child restraint until their 7th birthday. More information can be found at www.nzta.govt.nz/childrestraints

Children's Work

Beanie Bonanza – Several students completed beanies for our ski trip. They chose to knit or crochet and for most quickly picked up the new skill. We chose a bright green colour in line with our school colours that complimented our high visibility ski vests. No one would get lost!! Thank you friends of the school who also did some knitting and crocheting of beanies.

Take a look at our before, during and after shots!



What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

27 September	Community Assembly, End of Term 3	
9-11 October	Staff Professional Development	
12 October	Working Bee	
14 October	Term 4 begins	
16 October	School Photographs	Have a great holiday!
25 October	Pet Day	Mrs Tamae Dimond, Principal ☺



Newsletter

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Term Three 2013

Week Nine – 27 September

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Whanau and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Term 3 has come to an end. We welcome Mr Julian Dimond to a permanent full time teaching position in Term 4. We farewell Glenys George and will soon welcome a new office administrator. Mr Pepperell returns in Term 4 to continue guitar lessons as well as to teaching Totara class the ukulele.

Unfortunately some students have been unable to manage their belongings and as a result we have a large box of found property. Any unclaimed property at the end of each term is passed onto the Women's Refuge.

Ski Day Trips

Thank you all for your patience with the planning of last week's ski trips. We managed to get one group off to the mountain for a day of learning and consolidating their skiing skills. Thank you, Mark PB, Adrian, Alannah and Julian, our adult skiers, who supported the children with their learning and help in advancing their skills. Thank you Monica, Rodney, Adrian and Alannah for providing transport with special thanks to BWR for providing a minivan and Lucas our driver for the day.

Due to bad weather conditions, the mountain was closed on the two



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occasions when the second group attempted to go skiing. This group spent the day at DeBretts Outdoor Pools in Taupo as an alternative. Thank you Rebecca, Jodie, Ben, Julian and Alannah for providing transport, and Glenys for the use of her vehicle.

School Photos

PhotoLife will be at school on Wednesday 16 October. All photos will be taken in the morning from 9.00am onwards. There will be class, individual, sports teams, sibling and family photos which all need to be ordered and paid for before the photographers come. Photo prepaid packs have been distributed. Please return these to school with the money asap.

Mathletics

Congratulations Angel, Tui, Tiana (Yr 8's), Blaze, (Yr 7), Kyah (Yr 6) for competing very well in the recent COP's Mathletics event showing their skills in problem solving tasks. Students competed in individual and teams events. All five were entered in the Year 8 section as a team.

Results were: Amazing Team Race 4th =, Team Event 3rd, Individual Event Kyah 5th =. Kyah completed her individual event in the Year 7 section, a great effort. The team came 6th overall. Well done everyone and thank you Jamie for helping with transport.

Small Schools Athletics

There has been a change of date for the Small Schools Athletics event. This will now be held on Friday 1 November, hosted by St Mary's Catholic School in Otorohanga. Please make a note in your diaries.

The Maunga Cycle Challenge

On Sunday 10 November The Maunga Cycle Challenge takes place in Te Awamutu. Last year we took a team of interested children along for the day and we all did extremely well in the different events. For anyone planning on participating this year we suggest you start training over the holiday break. Be kind to yourself and get prepared. Give it a go! Bikes 'n Trikes, School Team Challenge or perhaps the 12km Family Fun Ride.

The Lion Foundation

Our application to The Lion Foundation has been accepted. We have been very fortunate to receive a grant of \$5000 towards more ICT equipment. With the fundraising contribution we have now reached our target to purchase a number of mobile devices, interactive electronic tools and browsers for all three classes.

Fundraising

Thank you everyone for such great efforts in all our fundraising events. Hangi - Thank you Aaron Anderson for sponsoring the vegetables, the Batger's for giving up their mutton, Ben for killing and dressing it and again all those we have thanked for giving up their time.

We are supporting Targa Rally with the Turitea Stage. Twelve marshals are needed to help with this event on Thursday 31 October, from 8am to 3pm. Transport is available if needed. For more details phone Batch on 07 8787 995 or 027 515 0034.

There is a Fundraising Committee meeting for Targa Rally on Thursday 17 October, 8.15am at school.

Working Bee – People needed

Saturday 12 October from 9am to 12pm. Tidying and ground work.

Student Code of Conduct

The children's code of conduct forms the basis of behaviour expectations within our school. At Waitomo Caves School we call these 'Students Rights and Responsibilities'.

STUDENT'S RIGHTS

A 'right' is something which belongs to you and cannot be taken away by anyone. Your classmates and teachers have the same rights.

Here are your important rights.

1. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BE AN INDIVIDUAL AT SCHOOL

This means that you should not be treated unfairly because you are tall or short, boy or girl, or because it takes you a little longer to get the answer right.

2. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE RESPECTED AND TREATED WITH KINDNESS

This means that others should not laugh at you, or hurt your feelings. No-one is to embarrass you in front of the class.

3. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS YOURSELF

This means that you may talk freely about your ideas and feelings when appropriate.

4. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO A SAFE SCHOOL

This means that your school should provide safe classrooms, equipment and rules to ensure your safety at school.

5. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO TELL YOUR SIDE OF THE STORY

This means that you may tell your side of the story when accused of breaking a rule when appropriate.

Holiday Programmes and More

Waitomo District Holiday Programme with Sport Waikato & Waitomo Youth Council SK8 PARK FUN - Te Kuiti Thursday 10th October
1 to 2.30pm - Scooters
2.30 to 4pm - Skate boards, roller blades
FREE - For age 5 and older Spot prizes
Enquiries to Sport Waikato Waitomo District co-ordinator Dede Downs - ph. 878 7867 or 0274 853 692 ddowns@sportwaikato.org.nz

Youth Golf Opportunity

2013 October School Holidays
Piopio Aria Golf Club - Tuesday 8th October
Waitomo Golf Club – Wednesday 9th October
For ages 10 to 18yrs Gold Coin Fee – Gear and balls provided
Please wear lace up sports shoes Assemble at 12.30pm
New players - Coaching and play 9 holes
Golfers – play 18 hole nett competition
Jointly run by Waikato Golf Development Officer Doug Langley and Sport Waikato Waitomo Dede Downs

Toro Pikopiko Puppetry *presents* 'APO The Greedy Taniwha'. Tuesday 8 October at 11.00 am. St John's Ambulance Hall, Kakamutu Road, Otorohanga.
Children of all ages welcome – free entry.

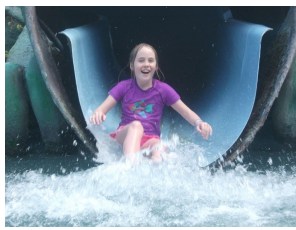
Harvest Holiday Programme Tuesday 1 to Friday 4 October from 10am to 1pm at \$5 a morning. Welcome to all Primary school age children, come along for a whole bunch of FUN!!! Rock climbing, arts & crafts, games, movies. Harvest Centre, 5 Tuhoro St, Otorohanga, phone 07 873 8893.

School Holiday Craft Classes in Otorohanga
Tuesday 1st and 8th bead making
Thursday 3rd and 10th model making
10-12.30 \$10 each including morning tea
Ring Lisa on 07 873 8367

Junior Badminton

Starting 21st October every Monday for Term 4
Ages 8 and above
Time: 3:30 – 5:00
\$2 per player with rackets and shuttles provided
Venue: Waitomo stadium
Contact Michelle (07) 878680 Or just turn up

Photo Gallery



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